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By the King.



Orasmuch as the infection of the Plague is at this present greatly increased and dispersed aswell in the Cities of London and Westminster, as also in the Suburbs thereof, The Kings most Excellent Maiestie considering that great perill and danger might insue, not onely vnto his Royall person, the Queenes Maiestie, the Prince, and Princesse, the honourable Embassadors from sundry forreine Princes, the Lords and others of his Maiesties honourable Priue Councell, the Nobles of this Realme, and other his Maiesties louing Subiects, if the people of all sorts, and out of all parts of this Realme, should resort or continue together for their Suits and Causes this instant Terme, commonly called Trinitie Terme, and hoping that by disperling of the multitude of people now being in or about his said Cities, and by staying the accesse of others to the same about Suits in Law, and by due obseruation of such good and necessary Orders and directions, as are and shall bee prescribed in that behalfe, thzough the mercifull goodnesse of Almighty God, the said infection shalbe stayed, so as the Coronation and Inauguration of his most Excellent Maiestie, to the inestimable and vniuersall reioycing of all his louing and true hearted Subiects, with all Princely solemnities and honors thereunto apperteyning, may be accomplished and performed, at such time and place as his Maiesty hath already bene pleased to appoint, hath therefore thought good by the aduice of his Priue Councell, and Iustices of his Courts at Westminster, to adiozne part of the same Terme, That is to say, in and from the second Returne of this instant Terme, commonly called Octabis Trinitatis, vntill the fourth Returne of the same Terme, commonly called Tres Trinitatis, and that to be for such causes onely, and for such intent and purpose, as hereafter is declared.

And therefore his Maiestie doeth hereby signifie and declare, that his will and pleasure is, That writts of Adioznement shalbe directed to the Iustices of either Bench, and to the Judges of all other his Maiesties Courts, to whom like writts haue bene vsually directed, giuing them authoritie to adiozne this instant Terme, in and from Octabis Trinitatis next, vntill Tres Trinitatis then next following, And the said Adioznement to be made the first day of the sayd Octabis Trinitatis, called the day of Esmoines.

And whereas his Maiesty considering in his princely wisdom what great prejudice might grow to many his good & louing Subiects in their Causes and Suits, if this Terme should be wholly adiozned, hath therefore by the aduice of his sayd Councell and Iustices, determined to haue some part thereof to be holden and continued for some few dayes in the beginning and ending of the same, as is aforesayd, his highnesse most gracious intention in that behalfe is, That the same dayes for which some part of this said Terme is to be holden, shalbe vsed only for the better expediting and continuing of Causes and Suits, and returning and suing out of Prozesse, and for such other like things, which may be performed and done in the absence of the parties by their Attourneyes. And therefore his Maiestie doth by this his Proclamation signifie to all his louing Subiects, that his will and pleasure is, That in and from the said Octabis Trinitatis next, there shal not be any Trials by Iuries, or any Judgments vpon Demurrers, or special Verdicts or such like, in any of his highnesse Courts of Kings Bench, Common Pleas, or Exchequer. And also that there shal not be any Judicial hearing or determining of any Causes or Matters in any of his Maiesties Courts of Starre Chamber, Chancerie, Exchequer Chamber, Court of Wards, Duchie Chamber, or Court of Requests, in or

from the said Octabis Trinitatis next, during the said Terme: And that no partie shall need to be present in person for any such Causes or Suites, but the same may bee attended and done by their Attourneys.

And his Maiestie doth hereby further notifie and declare, That no party shall be compelled or need to appeare in person in any of his Maiesties sayd Courts, in or from the sayd Octabis Trinitatis next, at any time during this said Terme, but may make their apparance by their Attourneys, saving only in Cases of Outlawry, and other the Cases mentioned in the Prouiso hereafter following: And also that no Juries or any Whom the same may concerne, shall be compelled or need to appeare in any of his Highnesse Courts at Westminster in or from the sayd Octabis Trinitatis next, at any time during the sayd Terme for any cause or matter whatsoever, vnlesse it be for some speciall and important cause for his Maiesties seruice onely.

Prrouided neuerthelesse, and his Maiesties pleasure and commandement is, That all Collectors, Receiuers, Sheriffes, and other Accomptants, & all other persons that should or ought to accompt or pay any summe or summes of mony in any of his Maiesties Courts of Exchequer, Court of Wards and Lueries, or of his Duchy of Lancaster, or in any of them, or enter into any accompt in any of the sayd Courts, shall repayre to the accustomed places at Westminster, and there to pay and doe in euery behalfe as though no such Proclamation or Adiournement had bene had or made.

And his Maiesties further pleasure and commandement is, That all Sheriffes shall retorne into his Maiesties Court of Exchequer, Court of Wards and Lueries, and Duchy of Lancaster, all manner of Writs and Processe issued out of the same Courts, and returnable this Terme, which in any sort concerne his Maiesties Reuenues, Debts, or Duties, at or before the dayes of Returnes thereof, into such Offices from whence the said Writs and Processe did issue: And that all Commissioners likewise retorne all manner of Commissions and Inquisitions returnable this Terme, and from the said Courts sent, whereby his Maiestie is to receiue profit and commoditie: And all Sheriffes, Collectors, all manner of Accomptants, and euery person that is to pay any kind of Debt or Duety vnto the Kings Maiestie in any of the said Courts, doe either by themselves, their Deputies, or Attourneys, pay the same in such sort as they ought to haue done if no such Proclamation or Adiournement had bene made, or else to sustaine such damage of Issues, Seasure, Fine, Amerciament, and Penaltie to be imposed vpon them, as hath bene accustomed, without any hope to be discharged thereof: And that all Sheriffes, by themselves or their sufficient Deputies, shall giue their attendance at the day appointed for their opposall in the Court of Exchequer, to answer their Returnes before his sayd Barons, as hath bene heretofore accustomed: And if any default shall be made by any of the persons aforesaid, that then in respect of the Kings present necessary and extraordinary charges, Sergeants at Armes and Pursuiuants shalbe sent to bring them vp to answer their contempt and slacknesse in payment.

Giuen at our Manour of Grenewich the thre and twentieth day of June, in the first yeere of our Reigne of England, France, and Ireland, and the sixe and thirtieth of Scotland.

God saue the King.

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